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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA BASE (SALT TWO-905)

1. APART FROM WHATEVER MAY BE THE OUTCOME OF OUR PROPOSALS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE, I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH IN THE NEGOTIATING RECORD PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT THE CURRENT NUMBERS OF THE SYSTEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2,400 AND 1,320 AGGREGATES FOR EACH SIDE. SUCH A DATA BASE WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR RESOLVING ANY QUESTIONS AS TO THE NUMBER OF SYSTEMS WHICH THE USSR MUST DISMANTLE OR DESTROY UNDER ARTICLE XI. TO LEAVE THIS ISSUE FOR RESOLUTION BY THE SCC AFTER THE AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE WOULD ONLY POSTPONE RESOLUTION OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ARISING UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT. PRUDENCE DICTATES THAT WE PRIOR TO SIGNATURE SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE REAL MEANING OF THE AGREEMENT IS IN THIS REGARD AND ITS EFFECT ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVIET SYSTEMS. IT IS A QUESTION

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ON WHICH WE CAN EXPECT CLOSE QUESTIONING BY THE CONGRESS AND MUCH

PRESS SPECULATION IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT ON A FIGURE. IN ORDER TO DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, IT IS IMPORTANT WE SOON BEGIN LAYING THE BASIS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A DATA BASE. CONSEQUENTLY, SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON VIEWS, I WOULD PROPOSE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS OF THIS QUESTION WITH SEMENOV IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS ALONG THE LINES OF THE RATIONALE OUTLINED ABOVE.

2. PARENTHETICALLY, THIS COULD ALSO OPEN THE WAY TO A RESOLUTION OF THE BOMBER VARIANT ISSUE BY MOVING THE DISCUSSION FROM ONE OF PRINCIPLE TO THE PRACTICAL QUESTION OF HOW MANY HEAVY BOMBERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO INCLUSION IN THE 2,400 AGGREGATE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS. IF SEMENOV SHOWS ANY RECEPTIVITY, I WILL IN DUE COURSE ALSO REQUIRE THE NUMBERS WE SHOULD SEEK TO ESTABLISH. JOHNSON

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